

REMARKS

Claims 27-31 are pending in the application. Claim 29 has been amended herein. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 27-31 subject to addressing the rejection of claim 29 under 35 USC §101.

Regarding claim 29, applicants have amended the claim to clarify that the recited program is part of a computer readable medium having the program stored thereon. When executed, the program causes the computer to perform the method steps recited therein.

In view of such amendment, applicants respectfully submit that claim 29 is now also in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, all claims 27-31 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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